

Recognized Authority on
Connellsville Coke Trade.

Circulates Wherever Coke
is Manufactured or Used.

Prices and Prospects.

CONTRACT COKE MARKET IS QUIETER; NOT MUCH SECOND HALF BUSINESS OPEN

Some Consumers Disposed
to Trust to Monthly
Buying.

POT FURNACE COKE STILL \$2.75

Scarcity of Independence Week Has
Stimulated Demand and Firmed up
Price; Wide Range Since First of
Year; Foundry Remains Unchanged.

Special to The Weekly Courier
PITTSBURGH, July 5.—With the
large additional batch of second half
contract coke contracts reported a
week ago there is not much second
half business left to be closed and the
contract market has taken on a quiet-
er aspect. In some quarters it is
thought that the consumers who are
not yet covered may elect to buy coke
month to month, through being
abused with the idea that late in the
year coke will be easier than the aver-
age price of the half year through the
event of additional by-product over-
time to time. This would be a
verbal of the usual experience, as
the summer months on account of
colder conditions, makes coke con-
sumption less than while late in the
year coke producing and shipping is
hindered with weather difficulties in-
creasing making a strong spot market.
Including second half coke contracts
laced early in the year there has
been a total movement of 200,000 tons
month or more. Not for a long time
has there been such range in prices
one, as very early in the year there
was a little business done at \$2.50
and later on \$3.00 was obtained. Af-
ter an interval in which there were no
negotiations the market opened again
for operators asking \$2.75. Finally
they accepted \$2.65 and instead of this
forcing a concession from the general
sale there were afterwards sales
made at \$2.50 and then at \$2.35. The
whole market, however, has not come
down to \$2.35 by any means, as the
operators are generally asking \$2.50
and some of them probably would not
depart from that figure. A contract
as just been closed for about 5,000
tons monthly over second half at \$2.35
which is the absolute minimum of the
contract market most operators ask-
ing to \$2.50.

THE EXPORT DEMAND CHIEF DEPENDENCE OF STEEL MARKET

Shell Steel Likely to be in Greater
Demand in Second Half in First
Half; Unfinished Steel High.

Special to The Weekly Courier
NEW YORK, July 5.—The American
Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel
Report will review the steel and iron
situation tomorrow as follows:

The steel market has now entered
the proverbially dull summer months,
but no material change occurs as a
regular summer dullness fell upon
the market early in June. There is
but little outside the export market to
depend upon for sales, but the ex-
port market continues decidedly
active. The buying of shell steel sup-
posed to have been practically com-
pleted for early May, is still in evi-
dence with even first quarter de-
liveries required for the production
of shell steel in the second half of this
year. It undoubtedly is greater than
in the first half. Demand from neutral
countries for finished steel has for
two or three months been decidedly
larger than at any time since 1913 and
there is no sign of abatement in this
demand.

Particular strength is disclosed in
the unfinished steel market chiefly
by reason of continued heavy export
demand. As high as \$43 Pittsburgh or
Youngstown mill is being obtained
for soft open-hearth steel ingots or
ordinary quality, the demand for in-
gots at such high prices relative to
billets at about \$45 being due to the
fact that they can be rolled to any
size desired when delivered. The ex-
port demand for Bessemer pig iron
continues heavy and inquiries have
become more numerous for foundry
iron for export. The pig iron market
as a whole is dull with a tendency to
weakness perhaps solely on account
of the intertemporal offering of specu-
lative iron for cash sale when the con-
sumers are well covered for the im-
mediate future.

An upturn in the Pittsburgh market
for heavy melting steel scrap has oc-
curred in the past week following a
continued and severe decline of three
months duration. An upward move-
ment of some consequence may now
be expected in scrap. The sentimental
influence of such a movement upon
the whole market would doubtless
prove important.

ELECT OFFICERS

Pittsburgh By-Product Coke Company
Meets an Organization.

The Pittsburgh By-Product Coke
Company, recently incorporated with a
capital of \$10,000,000 to serve as the
holding company for the Seaboard By-
product Coke Company, new building
110 coke ovens at Jersey City, N. J.,
the Minnesota By-Product Coke Com-
pany, building a plant of 55 coke ovens
at St. Paul has completed its organ-
ization.

H. B. Rust is president, W. F. Rust
and C. J. Ramsburg vice presidents,
and S. T. Brown treasurer. The di-
rectors include A. W. Mellon, R. B.
Mellon, H. B. Rust, J. H. Rust and C. J.
Ramsburg all of Pittsburgh, Pa.

HEARING TODAY

Pittsburgh Coal Operators' Rate Case
Comes Up on Postponement.

The hearing of the complaint of the
Pittsburgh Coal Operators' Association
against the rates of the Pennsylvania
railroad for hauling coal from that
district to Philadelphia, Erie and New
Castle will be resumed today before
the Pennsylvania Public Service Com-
mission after postponement from last
week.

A number of coal companies have
intervened and a wide area and many
industries will be affected.

June Car Orders Small.

Car shops have taken orders for a
little less than 24,000 cars since the
first of April. The June contracts
were unusually small amounting to
less than 5,000 cars of which less
than 1,000 cars were for domestic
roads.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.	WEEK ENDING JULY 1, 1916.				WEEK ENDING JUNE 24, 1916.			
	Ovens	In	Out	Tons	Ovens	In	Out	Tons
Connellsville	20,869	18,539	2,320	232,750	20,869	18,539	2,320	232,750
Lower Connellsville	17,685	14,882	2,803	196,500	17,685	14,882	2,803	196,500
Totals	38,554	33,421	5,123	429,250	38,554	33,421	5,123	429,250

FURNACE OVENS	WEEK ENDING JULY 1, 1916.				WEEK ENDING JUNE 24, 1916.			
	Ovens	In	Out	Tons	Ovens	In	Out	Tons
Connellsville	18,264	16,214	1,771	191,449	18,264	16,214	1,771	191,449
Lower Connellsville	6,562	4,560	719	69,840	6,562	4,560	719	69,840
Totals	24,826	20,774	2,490	261,289	24,826	20,774	2,490	261,289

MERCHANT OVENS	WEEK ENDING JULY 1, 1916.				WEEK ENDING JUNE 24, 1916.			
	Ovens	In	Out	Tons	Ovens	In	Out	Tons
Connellsville	3,875	3,288	549	41,550	3,875	3,288	549	41,550
Lower Connellsville	12,103	10,917	1,000	130,250	12,103	10,917	1,000	130,250
Totals	15,978	14,205	2,649	171,800	15,978	14,205	2,649	171,800

SHIPMENTS.	WEEK ENDING JULY 1, 1916.				WEEK ENDING JUNE 24, 1916.			
	To	By	By	Tons	To	By	By	Tons
To Pittsburgh	4,378	4,378	4,378	4,378	4,378	4,378	4,378	4,378
To Points West of Pittsburgh	5,965	5,965	5,965	5,965	5,965	5,965	5,965	5,965
To Points East of the Region	1,390	1,390	1,390	1,390	1,390	1,390	1,390	1,390
Totals	12,733	12,733	12,733	12,733	12,733	12,733	12,733	12,733

THE LABELLE MINE TO LOAD COAL FOR RIVER SHIPMENT

A New Steel Tipples Now
Under Construction for
That Purpose.

PART OF A BY-PRODUCT PLAN

Will Furnish 55 Per Cent of the Coal
for New Coking Operation, An Im-
portant to the LaBelle Iron Works at
Steubenville; Work is Being Rushed.

An improvement in the progress at
the plant of the LaBelle Lumber Com-
pany at LaBelle, Luzerne township, is
significant in the light of the
present day developments in the coke
trade of the Connellsville region. It
is an indication of the trend towards
a restoration of the river transporta-
tion of coal as an important industry
in the Monongahela valley. It marks
the steady progress in the growth of
by-product coke making by consu-
mers of the Connellsville region's
product, and also the increasing de-
mands which are being made upon
the mines of the Lower Connellsville
district for raw coal for by-product
purposes.

Work has been commenced at La-
Belle on a new river coal loading tip-
ple which will be constructed of steel
and which completed will be one of
the most modern and completely
equipped plants of the kind on the
Monongahela River. The work of con-
struction is being pushed with all pos-
sible speed with the expectation that
the loading of coal will be commenced
early in October.

With the completion of the new tip-
ple the output of the mine will be
practically doubled. The 200 behav-
ior ovens will be continued in opera-
tion and the coal in excess of their daily
requirements will be shipped by boat
to Pittsburgh, Pa., where the La-
Belle Iron Works is erecting a by-
product coke plant. When the mine
improvements are completed the plant
will be increased by the em-
ployment of 200 or more additional
men most of whom will be miners.

The boat loading and river shipping
plans of the LaBelle Coke Company
are to form an important part in a
new scheme of fuel supply for the
LaBelle Iron Works at Steubenville,
O., of which the LaBelle Coke Com-
pany is a subsidiary.

The by-product plant at Follansbee
which is on the West Virginia side of
the Ohio river will have connection
with the plant of the LaBelle Iron
Works by a bridge across the river
to Steubenville. This structure, which
is 1,520 feet in length is being pushed
to completion as is also the by-product
plant. Recently the number of work-
men employed on these structures has
been doubled in order to have the
plant in operation by October of this
year at which time it is anticipated
coal can be shipped from LaBelle to
Follansbee.

The by-product plant will consist
of 94 Koppers ovens in two batteries
of 47 ovens each. The ovens will
have a capacity of 12½ tons of coal
charged each. The complete plant
will consume 1,335 tons of coal per
day of 24 hours, yielding about 7,000
tons of coke per week. It is stated
that 80 per cent of the coal will come
from the LaBelle mine and 20 per
cent from the Pocahontas field of West
Virginia. A force of 125 men will be
required to operate the plant. D. H.
Collier has been appointed superin-
tendent in charge.

The coke will be transported across
the Ohio over the bridge which is be-
ing built as a means of communica-
tion between the producing and con-
suming plants. The gas produced in
the coking process will be utilized at
the steel plant. The tar not consumed
or used on the premises will be taken
by the American Tar Products Com-
pany a recently organized enterprise
which is now erecting a plant
on six acres of adjoining prop-
erty to be devoted to the recovery and
refinement of coal products. The coke
plant will also produce ammonium
sulphate, benzol, and tar, which
will be sold in bulk to the manu-
facturers of explosives, acids and na-
thalene.

APPLICATION FOR CHARTER FOR GREENE'S NEW ROAD UP TODAY

Delegation of Greene County Promot-
ers Meet with Wheeling Promot-
ers to Discuss the Project.

Application for a certificate of pub-
lic convenience will be made today
by the Wheeling Ohio River & East-
ern Railroad Company in the Penn-
sylvania Public Service Commission.
This was decided upon at a meeting
of the promoters of the railroad and
a number of prominent Greene coun-
ty residents who have pledged their
moral and financial support to the
project. They were enthusiastic over
the project and believe it will be a
great boon to Greene county and
Wheeling and to all sections through
which the road will pass.

The visitors were the guests of the
Wheeling stockholders and directors
of the Wheeling Ohio River & East-
ern at luncheon. B. Walker Peterson
presided. Addresses were made by
the Greene county men and the project
was discussed at considerable length.
Judge J. W. Ray of Wheeling said
that business men and in fact, all
Greene county are enthusiastic and
will purchase large holdings of stock
in the railroad as soon as active steps
toward constructing the line are taken.

The visiting delegation was com-
posed of Senator D. S. Walton Judge
W. Ray, H. Knox editor of the
Wheeling Republic, F. H. H. H. H.
Hedge, Attorney A. L. Murdock, F. H.
J. DeBolt, J. D. Orndorff, cashier
of the People's Bank of Wheeling,
Dr. G. W. Scott and C. W. Brady of
Washington, Pa.

The Wheeling men interested in the
project who were present included J.
M. Scott, B. W. Peterson, J. J. Hol-
loway, C. R. Hubbard, J. C. Brady, C. N.
Brady, H. C. Ogden, J. H. Swartz,
A. D. Jacobus and Attorney Charles
McDaniel.

CORPORATIONS PATRIOTIC

Steel Makers Provide Generously for
Employees in Military Service.

The steel companies generally are
making very liberal provisions for the
families of men who have enlisted in
the military service for the Mexican
border. The Youngstown Sheet &
Tube Company has announced that all
unmarried employees who enlist will
receive full salary up to \$75 a month
and married employees will be paid
in full up to \$100 a month as long as
they remain in military service. Upon
their return they will be re-employed
and their old positions restored as
rapidly as possible. This arrange-
ment includes about 50 employees who
have enlisted. The Brainerd Hill Steel
Company will make the same pro-
vision for enlisting employees as those
stipulated by the Youngstown Sheet &
Tube Company.

The Republic Iron & Steel Company
has adopted a policy similar to that
of the United States Steel Corporation. Full
pay during their absence will be given
employees who enter military service
and their jobs restored to them as
fast as possible under prevalent busi-
ness conditions when they return.

RATE RESTORED

After September 1 Pittsburgh Will
Be Denied Chicago Coast Rate.

By a decision of the Interstate Com-
merce Commission on the intermoun-
tain rate case rates on iron and steel
material from Chicago and Pittsburgh
to Pacific coast points are ordered re-
stored to the same basis as prevailed
before the Panama canal was opened.
The order will become effective Sep-
tember 1. It will result in eliminat-
ing the rate of 55 cents per 100 pounds
from Chicago and will restore the old
rate of 65 cents.

Rates east of Pittsburgh never were
reduced after the original intermoun-
tain order was issued. The commis-
sion's order is based upon the fact
that transportation competition via
the Panama Canal route has ceased
and no prospect exists of its restora-
tion before 1917.

FOURTH OF JULY BEGAN LAST WEEK IN THE NORTH END

Workers Commenced to
Slow Down Several Days
in Advance.

SHIPMENTS WERE 37,361 TONS

A Falling Off of Over 1,000 Tons
When Holding to or Gaining on the
Previous Week Was Expected. This
Week Will Make a Poor Showing

To a certain extent the coke work-
ers of the Upper Connellsville and
Greensburg Connellsville districts an-
ticipated the observance of the Fourth
of July last week. Late in the week
they began to slow down and the nor-
mal pace resumed after the last holi-
day season in mid June and the op-
eration of the districts were affected
accordingly. Shipments fell off 1,500
tons instead of holding to or gaining
over the previous week. A had been
the expectation of the operators.

This week will have a poor record
in its credit in consequence of the
lay off on the Fourth and the growing
disposition of the men to prolong the
observance of holidays by they ac-
cordingly religious in character. It is an-
ticipated that it will require all of the
remaining days of the week and pos-
sibly part of next to restore the dis-
tricts to anything like the usual or
order of operation and production.

The coal movement from the districts
maintains its usual volume.

Shipments in tons from the two dis-
tricts for the week ending Saturday
July 1 were as follows:

District	East	West	Total
Upper Connellsville	18,539	2,320	20,859
Greensburg	17,685	2,803	20,488

Compared with the previous week
these totals show a net loss of 1,500
tons for the two districts. The Upper
Connellsville district gained 32 tons
but the Greensburg district lost 1,532
tons. The gain of the Upper Connellsville
district was in western shipments
these were eastward having fallen
off 154 tons. The Greensburg district
lost both east and west, 837 tons to
the former and 1,082 tons to the
latter points.

The following tabulation shows the
output of these districts by weeks in
tons of 2,000 pounds for 1916 to
date.

Week	East	West	Total
Jan. 1	18,539	2,320	20,859
Jan. 8	17,685	2,803	20,488
Jan. 15	18,539	2,320	20,859
Jan. 22	17,685	2,803	20,488
Jan. 29	18,539	2,320	20,859
Feb. 5	17,685	2,803	20,488
Feb. 12	18,539	2,320	20,859
Feb. 19	17,685	2,803	20,488
Feb. 26	18,539	2,320	20,859
Mar. 5	17,685	2,803	20,488
Mar. 12	18,539	2,320	20,859
Mar. 19	17,685	2,803	20,488
Mar. 26	18,539	2,320	20,859
Apr. 2	17,685	2,803	20,488
Apr. 9	18,539	2,320	20,859
Apr. 16	17,685	2,803	20,488
Apr. 23	18,539	2,320	20,859
Apr. 30	17,685	2,803	20,488
May 7	18,539	2,320	20,859
May 14	17,685	2,803	20,488
May 21	18,539	2,320	20,859
May 28	17,685	2,803	20,488
Jun. 4	18,539	2,320	20,859
Jun. 11	17,685	2,803	20,488
Jun. 18	18,539	2,320	20,859
Jun. 25	17,685	2,803	20,488
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Production and Output.

CONNELLVILLE COKE PRODUCTION SHORT AND PROMPT COKE IS STRONGER IN PRICE

COKE TRADE SUMMARY

Connellsville coke production
rose last week to 1,000 tons
but it was not enough to meet
the demand. Shipments aggre-
gated 47,000 tons in the first
week ending July 1. The coke
market is tighter than it was a
week ago. The price of spot coke
is stronger than it was a week
ago. The price of prompt coke is
stronger than it was a week ago.

Other encouraging features are
the substantial purchases of coal
and coke in this region by the
Bethlehem Steel Company which
is supposed to be fully supplied
with coke by the product
plant but it is at the same time
The plant has been selling air
plus coke in the eastern market
in competition with Connellsville
coke.

The region is operating 87%
of its ovens to 91% of their
capacity. Coke drawers are
active during this hot weather.
1,300 tons are in sufficient
supply to make the coal move-
ment. Shipments increased some
1,000 tons over the previous
week chiefly to western con-
sumers.

Production Not Equal to De- mand and Some Stock Shipped.

The Connellsville coke production
of last week rose 1,000 tons in re-
sponse to a demand for increased
shipments against the week of the In-
dependence Day holiday with its dan-
gers of demoralized production but
the increase was confined practically
to the plants of the furnace interest
in the old

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**AMUSING SIGHTS
FEATURE FIRE IN
DOWNTOWN STORE**

Grocer in the Weihe Building Has Much Stock Destroyed.

SPECTATORS ARE GIVEN TREAT

Quite a Few Onlookers Are Completely Dressed at 2 A. M., but One Young Man Appears in Yellow Pajamas; No Guest Flees in Nightclothing.

Fire gutted the interior of a grocery store conducted by H. Isak in the Weihe building at 2 o'clock Thursday morning. Little damage was done to the building, the prompt arrival of the firemen checking the spread of the flames. Considerable stock in the rear of the store was destroyed. Clouds of smoke ascended through the halls of the McKinley Apartments upstairs, causing the guests to gather up their belongings and flee to the streets in disarray.

The fire was discovered by some men in Bishop's restaurant who saw the reflection of the blaze in a window across the street. They ran to Brinsford corner and sent in an alarm. The truck was on the scene in a few minutes and the firemen soon had a stream of water playing on the flames. The fire originated somewhere in the partition which separates the front of the store from a supply room in the rear. The partition was flimsy and burned quickly. The fire was readily extinguished.

When the firemen left the store was locked up and no one was allowed to enter until after the Department of Public Safety had conducted an investigation. The loss will be several hundred dollars.

The fire was not spectacular, but there were lots of amusing incidents connected with it. Coming at an hour marking the line of demarcation between "it's early yet," and "it's better getting home," it found many night owls on the street or in nearby clubs. In the small crowd that gathered about the scene of the fire were many completely dressed men who vainly tried to explain how they had managed to be so immaculately garbed and on hand so soon after the alarm was sounded. Others who were sleeping the sleep of the just when the fire whistle rent the early morning air appeared with night gowns tucked into trousers and nose sleepers pulled on bare feet, while tousled hair and blinking eyes gave evidence of a sudden exit from a downy couch. One young man viewed the proceedings in white slippers and a dainty pair of pale yellow pajamas.

Every now and then a sleepy-eyed guest from the McKinley Apartments would appear in the doorway, looking at the scene of the fire with a look of surprise. A number of them finished dressing on the street. Proprietor M. Donnelly went through the building awakening his guests. To make sure they would get out, he broke in some of the doors which were locked on the inside.

Contrary to the usual description of hotel fires none of the guests fled in their night clothes. There were some who did not wait to put many articles of clothing on, but night clothes were conspicuous for their absence, except in the instance noted above.

Director of Public Safety M. B. Pryce, Fire Chief W. E. DeBolt, and insurance men made an investigation of the debris in the store this morning. The proprietor, H. Isak, was out of town. They found nothing to indicate how the fire started. There were only three boxes of matches in the place and they were away from the section where the blaze was. There were no gas pipes near and the electric wiring seemed to be all right.

A HISTORIC SWORD

Untold Women Prizes Side Arms Presented to Husband.

Mrs. Julia Bierer of Uniontown has seen four generations go off to war, and is the owner of a sword which may receive a third baptism of fire on the Mexican border.

Mrs. Bierer, ninety years old, is the daughter of Henry Walther, who served in the war of 1812. She married Captain John Bierer of the Eighteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and to him the sword was presented in 1865 for conspicuous bravery in Civil War engagements. When the Spanish War broke out, Mrs. Bierer's son, Major Edward Bierer took the sword and used it in the campaign of the famous Fighting Tenth. Captain Daniel M. Bierer, another son, also distinguished himself in the Tenth regiment.

And now Edward Bierer, a son of Major Bierer, is mobilized with the West Virginia National Guard, and it shows himself worthy Mrs. Bierer will present the old sword to him.

WILL RECEIVE WAGES

Gas Company Men Assured of Full Pay if They Go to War.

Employees of the Fayette County Gas Company who wish to enlist for service in Mexico will receive full wages until next January 1 and their old positions when they return. This announcement was made today in a letter from H. C. Reiser, assistant to the president, to Superintendent J. E. Angle.

After the first of the year, if the war should continue, the gas company recruits would be taken care of in the same manner.

No gas company men have as yet enlisted, but a number have expressed a desire to go if their dependents could be provided for.

DOG RUNS WILD ON BRIMSTONE CORNER, IS BEATEN TO DEATH

Kills a Horse and Snaps at Man and Two Boys Before He Is Beaten to Death.

Corner Thursday at noon. Before he was killed he had bitten a horse belonging to the Connelville Garage Company, snapped at a man and two boys, and caused a panic along Main street. He got John Sweeney of Leisenring, by the trousers, but Sweeney shook him off and beat him to death with a brick.

Much excitement was caused when a motorcyclist tried to run over the dog, and again when someone shot at the beast, the gun, however, failing to go off.

In the meantime the dog had snapped at a boy, and it is said that he bit another youngster in the back. The dog's head was taken off and will be sent to Pittsburgh for examination.

The dog made no noise but slunk about quietly. Mothers of the vicinity were in a panic, fearing for the safety of their children. The children themselves showed no fear but moved closer to see what the dog would do next. Now and then a mother would grasp her child by the hand and drag him off to a place of safety.

When finally stunned by a blow from a brick, Patrolman M. Rull appeared and clubbed the dog to death with his mace. When his mouth was pried open, it was found to be exuding a yellowish substance.

Little Joe Ellert, 4, who was attacked by the animal, was not bitten through a scratch from the dog's teeth could be seen in his leg, when the boy's mother examined it. The skin was not broken.

STRONG FOR HUGHES

Frick and Plinn Out Strong for Republican Nominee.

Henry C. Frick is strongly in favor of Justice Charles E. Hughes for the presidency. When asked what he thought of the nomination of Justice Hughes, he said:

"Splendid, splendid. Asked what he thought of the collapse of the Progressive party, he said:

"Why, Mr. Roosevelt is supporting Justice Hughes, isn't he?" William Plinn, for four years the Bull Moose leader of the state, announced yesterday that he is back in the Republican party and will be found supporting Charles E. Hughes and the whole ticket this fall. He predicts that 90 per cent of the Pennsylvania Progressives will be in the Republican ranks in November and Mr. Hughes will have an easy time carrying the state.

Mr. Plinn intimated that the Washington party would be dissolved at a meeting to be held soon.

ARE GETTING RESULTS

Many Sidewalks on East Side are Being Improved by Property Owners.

Council's recently inaugurated campaign for improved sidewalks is already yielding results. In all sections of the East Side walks are being substantially laid with concrete or prepared by being made to improve them. East Main street, in particular, is the scene of considerable new sidewalk activity.

At the meeting of council Monday night, it was decided to require all sidewalk owners on this side of the river to be re-laid. Instead of making up a list of properties where walks will have to be re-laid, a blanket resolution naming the streets upon which such improvements must be inaugurated was passed. This leaves it up to the street department as to what constitutes a bad walk.

The campaign is to be extended to the West Side in the near future.

PROGRAMS ARE HERE

Chautauqua Committee Expects Fine Attractions This Year.

Connellsville's Chautauqua will begin on August 5. The programs have been received by Earl C. Moore, secretary of the local association. That it will present the finest array of talent ever seen here is the opinion of those who have studied the program.

The assembly begins on Saturday, August 5, with a lecture by Dr. W. H. Sears, and two musical programs by Dunbar's Solace Singers. The following days will be filled with interesting numbers, morning, afternoon and evening.

There will be a meeting of the local guarantees on July 10. It is probable the date for the big tent will be chosen at this time. The place for the assembly has not yet been selected. Whether it will be held on the old South Side lot again is a question.

W. C. T. U. Picnic

The annual picnic of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will be held Wednesday, July 12, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rankin in Franklin township, near Uppermiddletown. More than 100 members and guests are expected. A program consisting of addresses and music by the Laurel Hill quartet will be carried out. The dinner committee is composed of Mrs. Anna Gililand, and Miss Kate Junk, while Mrs. Bertha Junk, Miss Kate Junk, and Mrs. Ida Harris will be in charge of the musical program.

Church Controversy Settled. The court of Washington county has approved the report of the auditors appointed to distribute the proceeds of the sale of the property of the West Brownsville Christian Church. The congregation disbanded several years ago, many members going to the South Brownsville Church. They claimed possession of the abandoned property, which was later sold, and the court now sustains their contention by approving the auditors' award.

On Vacation

Captain J. W. Walsh of Cumberland, conductor on Baltimore & Ohio trains Nos. 56 and 57, is taking a vacation. Extra Conductor William Howard is holding down his run.

**VOLUNTEERS FORM
COMPANY, 35 LINE
UP BEFORE KIDD**

Keen Interest is Shown in Preparing for Military Service.

AWAIT THEIR COUNTRY'S CALL

Spanish-American War Veterans Rally Shoulders With High School Boys; Good Progress is Made in the Simple Evolutions First Undertaken.

The first drill of the volunteer military building at 2 o'clock Friday morning, with 36 men present. Captain A. R. Kidd was in charge, and in less than an hour he had brought about a remarkable change in the men, who did not drill like rookies at all.

Captain Kidd put them through the rudimentary formations and kept the recruits interested by varying the figures constantly. The names of all were taken, and the men expressed their willingness to go to the border in case of a call for volunteers.

In a short talk, Captain Kidd explained the purpose of the company, and touched on his plans for the future. The captain wants to take the first change to go to war, whether it is a call for a company of infantry, a cavalry battalion, or a field hospital. In any case, he wants the organization to have 150 men in its ranks, and he is hopeful that there will be this many at the next drill, which will take place on next Thursday night.

Many who have expressed their intention of joining were not able to be present last night, and with the addition of these the company will be swelled. Others who were among the spectators last night will take part in the drill next week.

Captain Kidd will try to keep the drills interesting, he told the men. Next Thursday he will introduce skirmishing, for he says, "Modern war is not very largely a matter of dress parade and pretty drilling."

There will be no physical examination of the men at present, and no officers will be appointed for some time. Captain Kidd will appoint the non-coms on the test of merit alone. The presence of several high school boys was commented upon. These boys were active in the high school cadet company, which seems to have disbanded. Two Foreign Service veterans, Thomas R. Cunningham and Robert W. Baxter, assisted Captain Kidd last night. A number of the veterans expect to join the volunteer company, as well as their own service men's organization. In this way they will go to war no matter what kind of volunteers are called for.

These present last night were: Harry Mason, Donald Reid, Roy Freeman, Nathan Gilmore, Robert Baxter, Harry Heston, Carl Floz, Joseph Patterson, Lloyd Spivey, Benon Robins, Thos. Stafford, Ed Palmer, Randall Thawenwille, George Cooper, Thomas Cunningham, Wallace Wilson, Fred Opperman, J. S. Laughrey, R. J. Ryan, Clyde Martin, Wade Atkins, Howard Reppert, Ray Neville, John T. Wurtz, Francis Stader, J. M. Humbertson, Casper Murray, Lloyd Cox, M. J. Laughrey, W. D. Stummell, John Moore, K. W. Norton, H. J. Beuschler, George Enos, C. P. Gallagher and Russell Engleke.

TANK IS ALL RIGHT

Gasoline Reservoir Complies With State Regulations.

The gasoline tank, installed this week beneath the pavement of the Bishop-Stullwell garage, on Pittsburgh street, of which complaint was made by residents of the vicinity, complies with state regulations and the requirements of the insurance underwriters. This statement was made by Director of Public Safety M. B. Pryce, who thoroughly investigated before allowing the work to proceed.

The state laws require tanks of this character to come up to certain specifications as to material and construction, and compel owners to bury them two feet under the sidewalk. A vent pipe must also be run to the roof of the building. Director Pryce made certain that insurance rates on nearby buildings would not be affected by the proximity of the gasoline supply.

Mr. Pryce indicated that there will be local legislation soon regulating such tanks and prohibiting their installation in the business district.

STORES TO PICNIC

Wright-Metzer Combined Outing at Shady Grove July 6.

The annual picnic of the Connellsville and Uniontown stores of the Wright-Metzer Company will be held Thursday evening, July 6, at Shady Grove Park. A special street car will carry the Connellsville picnicers to the scene of the outing. All kinds of amusements are being arranged and the picnic promises to be a large and enjoyable event.

The committees appointed by the Connellsville store are as follows: Supper, chairman, W. L. Wright, Miss Ada Leiberger, Miss Lucille Cochran and Miss Hazel Newcomer; sports, chairman, Francis Wright, J. E. Swan, Miss Catherine O'Connor and Miss Lucy Stillwagon.

DRUMMED OUT

Somerset County Guardsman is Reported in Disgrace.

SOMERSET, June 29.—A member of Company C at Mount Gretna has written a relative here to the effect that Milton Bennett, residing near Berlin, had been drummed out of the camp for refusing to sign the federal form of enlistment.

The letter also said that George Sorber, a member of the company had been promoted to sergeant.

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**NEGRO SHOT THROUGH FOOT;
INSULTED GIRL, MAN SAYS**

Frank Dyer is Held for Court, While Willie Mosley Goes to the Hospital.

In a quarrel in an alleged disorderly house Thursday night a negro was shot in the ankle. Two women, Mrs. Rose Hamilton and Ellen Williams, both colored, were, it is said, in the house, which is situated on Pulaski street, near the Pittsburgh Brewery. Two men, Frank Dyer and Willie Mosley, were also present. Dyer claims that Mosley slapped one of the women in the face, and Dyer immediately championed the girl.

"I don't think much of a man who will strike a woman," said Dyer. "Men have to be shot for as much."

At this point a gun was shot and Mosley lay through the foot.

Mosley was taken to the Cottage State Hospital and treated there. His condition is not serious.

Dyer was arrested at midnight at his home on Main street. The two women were taken to the lockup and held as witnesses. The Hamilton woman taking her child with her.

At a hearing before Alderman Gilroy this morning Dyer pleaded guilty to the charges of felonious shooting and carrying concealed weapons. He was bound over for court, and is trying to raise \$500 bail among his friends. Constable Wilson has him in charge.

The women were sentenced to 48 hours in the lockup by Mayor Marietta. Mrs. Hamilton gave her age as 22, the other woman 24.

**ONE-EYED MAN, SHOT BY
CRIPPLE, DIES OF WOUND**

Coroner's Jury Places the Blame For Shooting on John Scott, Who Disappears.

Robert Gilroy, the negro who was shot on the night of June 26th at the Davidson roke evens, died Thursday at the Cottage State Hospital. At the coroner's inquest, held this morning in the office of the coroner, the jury rendered the verdict that Gilroy died from a bullet wound in the abdomen, inflicted by one John Scott. The jury recommended that Scott be apprehended and held for action by the grand jury.

The inquest was conducted by Coroner S. H. Baum. Alderman Munk, who took the dying man's deposition. Dr. H. J. Coll and County Detective John Smith took part in the hearing. Gilroy, who was shot in a quarrel over a dime, was known familiarly as "Hungry." Scott, who jumped over the ovens after the shooting and who has not yet been found, is a cripple, and had been peddling pencils in the city. Gilroy is the negro who acted as stool-pigeon in the arrest of John Torrance and who claimed part of the reward.

NO CHANGE IN RATES

Barbers Have Failed to Reach Agreement on New Schedule.

The change in barber rates, predicted some weeks ago, has as yet failed to develop. The barbers have refused to go together. It is doubtful whether there will be any deviation from the present scale, at least for some time.

One barber stated that while he would favor an increase in the charge for the Saturday haircut, he opposed any plan to make a cut boost in the price. The report that the price of shaves had been increased to 25 cents was characterized as "ridiculous." No change in the shaving charge is contemplated at present.

Factor May Be Ignored

Rev. I. W. Wilson, pastor of the First Methodist Protestant Church in Uniontown, is considering an offer from the Methodist Protestant Church of Vernon Center, Conn.

Advertise in The Weekly Courier.**Needed Lessons**

Little Talks on Health and Hygiene by Samuel H. Dyer, M. D., L. D., of the Commissioner of Health.

A great essential has been neglected in the education of the tens of thousands of young men and women who are graduating from the high schools and colleges of the country. They are presumed to have been fitted to meet the responsibilities and problems of life. In the majority of instances they have had mental but not physical education.

Some few have devoted themselves to a greater or less degree in competitive sports. This number is but a small fraction of those who pass through our schools. Our curriculum are often so planned that they make physical development difficult or impossible. To lay the foundation of health there should be proper physical training under the supervision of specially trained medical men, beginning in the elementary school and going through the college course. A few years of training in youth and early manhood and womanhood would serve to instill habits of personal hygiene which would aid indubitably to our future welfare, individually and as a nation.

In every activity of life good health is a primary essential. No mental attainment can make up for a puny, ill-nourished ill-developed body. Lack of well developed physique almost invariably proves a handicap to achievement. Our present system has failed to bring about a balanced education of mind and body. Individual efficiency and preparedness for the uncertainties of life depend upon the health of the body. It is in the world's history that systematic education with a resulting high average of citizens individually prepared to take their part in the defense of their homes. Three thousand years ago the Greeks appreciated and practiced in the education of their youth this happy combination. It was this training that produced the scholars and heroes whose names live in the world's history.

**GAS WELL LETS GO;
1,400 FEET OF TUBE
BLOWN THROUGH RIG**

Sudden Increase of Pressure Causes Unique Accident Near Flatwoods.

FIVE WORKMEN ESCAPE UNHURT

Immense Quantity of Four Inch Tubing Blown Through Top of Derrick; Flying Pipe Twisted Into Queer Figures; Some Found 200 Ft. Away.

The sudden plucking up of the pressure on a new gas well drilled in the Flatwoods area, near Flatwoods, Wednesday morning, blew 1,400 feet of four inch tubing through the top of the derrick and carried some of it to a field across the road, fully 200 feet away. Five men at work on the rig escaped injury by a narrow margin and Farmer Byers fled through his meadow to escape the pipe which was breaking in all directions.

The well was drilled in last week and was yielding a fair quantity of gas daily. The men on the rig were engaged attaching the 4 inch tubing to the casing, which is over six inches in diameter. Their work was completed when the pressure in the well suddenly increased. The threads of the connection were torn loose and the 1,600 or more feet of tubing shot up through the top of the derrick.

The force was tremendous. As the pipe went up in the air, sections broke off and rained up, striking the ground hundreds of feet away. As the longer sections fell the threads tore apart and pieces went spinning along through the field in all sorts of figures. After the accident, the fields in the vicinity of the well were strewn with tangled-up sections of tubing. R. L. Byers, the farmer from whom the gas lease was secured, was cutting a swath in his meadow with a scythe so that the rig could be moved when the well let go. He first took shelter in a small outbuilding but later started to run through the meadow away from the monsters that seemed to be forming out of flying pipe.

The accident occurred about 10:30 o'clock in the morning and caused much excitement among the residents of the vicinity. The family of M. L. Townsend, who live only one field away from the well, saw the well go up. They say they never saw anything like the way the pipe cut up capers.

The Byers farm is located nearly two miles on this side of Flatwoods. The Greenboro Gas Company supplies the territory from Perryopolis, Scotland and the immediate vicinity to the Monongahela valley. Its service was extended to Perryopolis only last year.

FREE ICE AND MILK

Distribution Among Poor Is Started by Women's Culture Club.

Distribution of free milk and ice to needy infants and children of the city was begun Saturday by Women's Culture Club. Physicians have been asked to send certificates for needy cases to the Young Ice Company and the families will be supplied.

Captain L. N. Phelps of the Salvation Army will assist in the work by visiting homes where milk and ice are supplied. He will report as to whether the applicants are worthy and when the supply is to be discontinued. Luckily the weather has been so cool so far this season that there has been no likelihood of suffering among the poor children.

The fund collected by the club is not sufficient to carry on the work and additional contributions will be gladly received by the committee in charge. The total to date is \$141.75 from the following contributors: Elks, Moose and Eagles, each \$25; Ralph Cuthbertson, John Duggan, Columbus Italian Fraternal Society, each \$10; New Haven Fire Department, General Worth Lodge, I. O. O. F., J. O. O. M. A. M. and D. S. O. F., each \$2; Past Chiefs' Association, Pythian Sisters, 32; Mrs. A. A. Clarke, Mrs. C. H. Souffer, Mrs. J. B. Marietta, Mrs. John Vannatta, Betty of Elks, M. E. Evans, James McCains, Cash, each \$1; Mrs. F. W. Wright, Lawrence Donagan, Grant Myers, each 50c, and Cash 25c.

FIVE NEW BRIDGES

County to Ask State's Approval of Structures.

Application is to be made to the State Water Supply commission for approval of the construction of five new bridges in this county. Bids will be asked as soon as the state signifies its approval.

The bridges are: Bull Run bridge in Luster township, bridge at the Republic freight station, Virgin run bridge in Franklin and Perry townships, Jacobs Creek bridge in Georges township, Meadow Run bridge below Seaton's lake in Wharton township. The bridge over Brown's Run in German township on the road from McClellandtown to Smithfield has been approved by the Water Supply Commission.

Abolish Office of Sealer

The court of Greene county has rendered a decision the effect of which is to abolish the office of sealer of weights and measures. The matter involved by the court's decision was recently passed upon by the state supreme court which decided that the office of sealer of weights and measures was a county office and that the county commissioners could make appointments to the office and remove from office at will and without cause.

A School Library

The Johnstown school board has bought a Ford to be used in hauling school supplies to the several schools in the district in the city.

**VETERAN OF BORDER SERVICE
GIVES SON TO COUNTRY**

Highland Avenue Man Recalls Incidents During Trouble With Mexicans in 1875.

Jacob L. Malsberry, a well known resident of Highland avenue, saw service on the border in 1875, and now his son, William F., has enlisted to serve his country in the present Mexican crisis. Mr. Malsberry is now well up in years and it is 40 years since he performed heroic service for Uncle Sam against the greasers.

He enlisted in Pittsburgh, July 22, 1875, and was assigned to Company 11, Eighth United States Cavalry stationed at Fort Ringold, Texas.

Soon after his enlistment he overheard a plot to run several thousand head of cattle over the river into Mexico and two weeks later nine Mexicans were caught and hanged for the crime.

At one time, while in the stable grooming his horse, he heard a shot and a bullet whizzed past his head and killed his horse.

When the Mexicans captured the John Scott, a river boat, Troop 11, was called on for aid. They responded.

"My captain," said Mr. Malsberry in recalling the incident, "called for a volunteer to carry the American flag across the river and place it on the John Scott. I advanced, took the flag, crossed the river and placed the flag on high. I cut the boat loose and loaded her to Fort Ringold."

On another occasion, Mr. Malsberry was called on to carry a letter across the river to a Mexican general at a town called Rioeca. After delivering the letter, the American soldier was caught, robbed of clothing and money and thrown into an adobe prison from which he escaped two days later and floated down the river to Fort Brown.

For this, Mr. Malsberry says, he was tried for absence and sentenced to two years and notwithstanding the efforts of his captain and United States senators this blot on his record had not been removed. He was honorably discharged in June, 1879.

ROISTERERS NABBED

Cops Make an Early Morning Raid on Pinnacle Store.

Lieutenant W. B. Bowers and Patrolman John Barnes hopped a taxi early Saturday and paid a visit to the store of B. Faigen, at East Main and Snyder streets, where Faigen and four others were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct. All left forfeits. Two appeared for a hearing before Mayor Marietta, established an alibi and were discharged. The other three failed to make an appearance.

The police force has endeavored for the past several weeks to locate the roisterers about whom so much complaint has been made by Pinnacle residents. Other trips netted nothing tangible, but by using a machine the officers were able to reach the store without giving warning.

Persons living in the vicinity allege that Faigen, the proprietor of the store, is largely responsible for the disorder which is caused by loafers. Keeping open usually until 1 o'clock in the morning, Faigen's store is a half-way watering place for the home-bound from Snydertown, Hungary Neck, Breakneck and other points reached via the Pinnacle. Neighbors declare the fun usually starts about 11 o'clock and continues up to 1 o'clock on Sunday.

The Fourth of July dromedary celebration began on the Pinnacle a couple of weeks ago and has been going on since. Mayor Marietta instructed the police to see that Faigen maintains order about his place, or else to close him up.

SOMERSET MAN NAMED

Frank R. Black Is the New Highway Commissioner.

HARRISBURG, July 1.—Frank R. Black of Garrett, Pa., was today appointed state highway commissioner by Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh. He succeeds the late R. J. Cunningham.

Frank R. Black is a prominent farmer and coal operator of Somerset county. He is regarded in the county as an unusually capable man and at that place business men expressed considerable satisfaction over the appointment. It was known he was a candidate for the place.

Mr. Black has always been a Republican. In the recent primary campaign he worked actively in the interest of Governor Brumbaugh.

NEW LOCATIONS

Two More Sites for Fire House Added to List of Probabilities.

Two new lots have been added to the list of probable sites for the central fire station.

One of these is the property at the corner of Prospect and Apple streets. The other adjoins this at the corner of Grape alley and Prospect street. Both are reasonably priced, it is said, and are not badly located for fire house purposes.

The Grape alley lot would make it possible for a fire engine entrance on Prospect street and a basement room for city teams and equipment, opening on Grape alley. Prospect street would have to be graded a little, however. This lot is owned by the Young Ice Company.

SELLS BUSINESS.

Undertaker L. L. Thompson to Reside in Smithfield in Future.

Funeral Director L. L. Thompson, formerly of Scotland, has disposed of his business at South Brownsville to Funeral Directors Kinsinger and Luce, and with his family left for Smithfield to reside.

Mr. Thompson for some time past has been in business at South Brownsville and Smithfield and in the future will devote his attention to his business at the latter place.

Has Cut His Wheat.

Thomas A. Hoover of German township claims to be the first farmer in Fayette county to have cut his wheat. He began last Tuesday.

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**"FIGHTING TENTH"
LEFT PHILIPPINES
JUST 17 YEARS AGO**

Reorganization May Be Effected for Service in Mexico.

DEATH THINS THEIR RANKS

Three Who Saw Service in Jungles and Swamps on Far Away Islands Pass Away Within Five Weeks; Meeting Sunday; Volunteers to Drill

It was 17 years on the 24th inst. since the "Fighting Tenth" regiment, including several hundred Connellsville boys, sailed for home after a year's campaign in the swamps and jungles of the far away Philippines.

Just 17 years after the completion of this hard campaign, the Tenth is being reorganized for service against the Mexicans in the present crisis. Commander T. R. Cunningham of Camp Walter E. Brown Post, No. 21, Veterans of Foreign Wars, has received application blanks from General Robert E. Woodside of Pittsburgh, an ex-member of the Tenth, to recruit all men who saw active service during the Spanish-American War, and have them in readiness in case the government needs them. It is believed a majority of the old Tenth would be willing and anxious to go to Mexico. A meeting has been called for Sunday afternoon, July 2, at 2:30, in the armory, to discuss the reorganization plan. The meeting is open to the public.

Members of the Philippine veterans recall the fact that three members of Walter E. Brown Post have died in the last five weeks. The third to be laid to rest was George B. Gemes, who was buried with military honors Thursday. His comrades in the rebellion of 1898-99 acted as pallbearers and formed a firing squad to fire a salute over the grave. R. W. Baxter, J. W. Martin, Harry Bishop, Thomas Brady and Louis May were the pallbearers and

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